

THE CANDIDATES.

JOHN H. PARRISH,

Republican Candidate for Sheriff.

It was a foregone conclusion that John Parrish would be renominated. If ever a man deserved this honor, John Parrish deserved it. If ever a county is under obligations to a man for faithful work, Gratiot is under obligations to John Parrish. Two years ago the Herald predicted that Mr. Parrish would be found "active, energetic and direct," and "spontaneously equipped for the office of sheriff" and today we refer the question back to our readers. Has not his work justified our prediction?

Mr. Parrish was born in Jackson county in 1856. He came to Wheeler township in 1861. He received his education in the public schools. His business is farming and stock buying.



The high esteem in which Mr. Parrish is held in his township is shown by the fact that he has served three terms as highway commissioner, five terms as supervisor, and one term as postmaster and is today more popular at home than ever before. An accommodating spirit, honesty and fair dealing are his characteristics.

As sheriff he has a record to be proud of. Surety in ferreting out crime, cool in the presence of danger, quick to make up his mind and decisive in action, watchful in the discharge of every duty in company with Prosecutor Kirby, he has brought murderers to justice, unearthed bands of criminals and petty thieves, brought to punishment those who had long defied all laws of morality and decent living, in short made an ideal sheriff. The general verdict is "John Parrish is all right."

CLIFTON J. CHAMBERS,

Republican Candidate for County Clerk.

The nomination of Clifton J. Chambers, of New Haven, for clerk, ensures the election of a man of ability and merit to this important position. Mr. Chambers has been for seven terms supervisor or from New Haven township. He is at present chairman of the board of supervisors. He was born in Crawford county, Ohio, in 1864. He came



to North Shade in 1878 and New Haven in 1879, where he has since resided. He is a man of thorough education, extensive public experience, conservative judgment, clear head and comes from a township and section of the county which has not had a county officer in many years. Like Mr. Smith, Mr. Chambers is a farmer and as one of the class which furnishes a large majority of the votes is entitled to the general support of the farmers of the county.

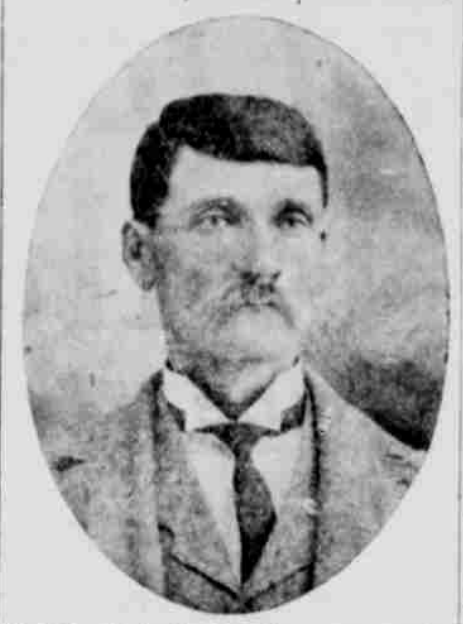
FRED E. SMITH,

Republican Candidate for Treasurer.

Fred E. Smith, candidate for county treasurer on the Republican ticket, was born June 22, 1857, in Erie county, New York. His parents removed to Gratiot county the same year so that Gratiot may almost be said to be Mr. Smith's native county. Mr. Smith was educated in the public schools. He has served his township two years as treasurer and is now serving his fourth term as supervisor.

Mr. Smith is a man of quiet manners, well balanced mind, clear head and sterling honesty, qualifications which especially fit him to discharge acceptably all the duties of the office of greatest financial responsibility of any in the county. Mr. Smith com-

mands the confidence of all who know him. He comes from a township never before represented on the county



ALBERT H. LOWRY,

Republican Candidate for Register of Deeds.

"Al" Lowry, Gratiot's candidate for register of deeds is deservedly popular, not only in the convention but with the people. His unanimous nomination this year was but a repetition of that two years ago. The Herald said at that time "his long experience as an office man, training



in accuracy and thorough business methods and his genial, accommodating disposition especially fit him for the office of register." The result has justified this prophecy.

Mr. Lowry was born in 1834 on a farm in Macomb county. He received a good common school education, was two years employed in a grocery store in Saginaw, learned telegraphy in Vassar, worked in Bay City and came to St. Louis in 1875, where he has lived ever since. He has served his village and city as village clerk, councilman, township clerk and alderman.

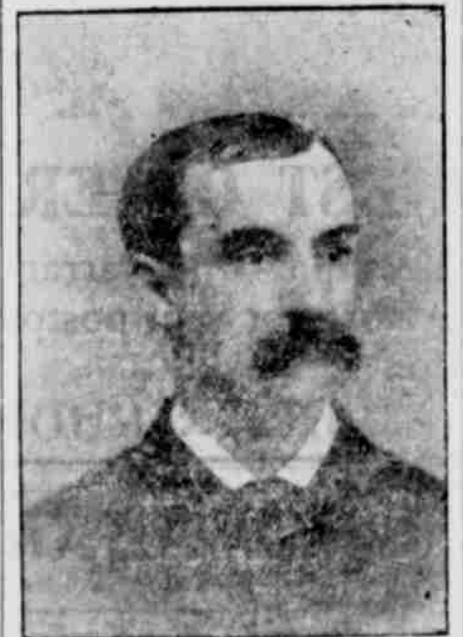
He is a member of the Masonic order, Maccabees, Knights of Pythias, Loyal Guards, National Union, National League of Veterans & Sons, and has been for twenty-two years a member of the St. Louis fire department.

One thing which particularly recommends Mr. Lowry is his promptness. Real estate men all over the county and other counties having dealings with this office commend Mr. Lowry for his promptness. Papers received for record in the morning are ready to return in the afternoon or the following morning. This coupled with his uniform courtesy and good fellowship makes "Al" a strong candidate.

MARVIN R. SALTER,

Republican Candidate for Prosecuting Attorney.

Two years ago, Marvin R. Salter was a prominent candidate for the Republican nomination for prosecutor. It was natural, therefore, when there seemed to be difficulty in the convention agreeing upon a candidate, that the withdrawal of Mr. Kirby should result in the nomination of Mr. Salter.



Mr. Salter was born in Detroit, October 29, 1833. When six years of age, his family removed to a farm in Shelby township, Macomb county. Later, they removed to the little town of Disco. Mr. Salter's boyhood and young manhood were spent in clerking in a store in Disco, Rochester and other places and in learning the trade of a carpenter, cabinet maker and

wagon maker. In fact he was able to turn his hand successfully to almost anything. In 1850 Mr. Salter removed to Ithaca. In 1880 he was elected county clerk. The campaigns of 1882 and 1884 had resulted disastrously to the Republican party in Gratiot county. In 1882 Mr. Darragh was the only Republican to win out. In 1884, James Clarke and Judge Paddock were successful by very small margins. Mr. Salter did not seek the nomination for clerk but was nominated by acclamation and elected by 554 majority. In 1888 he was again unanimously nominated and won out by 600. He has held many offices of trust. For ten years he has been county agent, four years justice of the peace, two years supervisor, during which time he was chairman of the board, and village clerk three years.

After his term as county clerk, he completed his law studies begun before and, in 1891, was admitted to the bar. He was associated with Geo. P. Stone in the practice of law until 1897. He has had extensive experience in legal matters, is painstaking, accurate and gifted with good judgment. The interests of the county will be safe in Mr. Salter's hands and he will command the united support of the party and the people.

ROY E. PETTIT,

Republican Candidate for Circuit Court Commissioner.

Among the graduates of Ithaca high school who are determined to make a place and a name for themselves, is Roy E. Pettit. Mr. Pettit is twenty-six years of age. He was born in Em-



son, township and attended Ithaca high school, graduating in 1894. The following six years were spent at Michigan University in preparation for his life work. A literary course of four years was crowned with two

years of technical instruction in law. After his graduation from the law department, Mr. Pettit spent eight months in the office of Fred Baker at Detroit, subsequently he was five months with W. A. Babike at Alma. Returning to Ithaca, he was for one year associated with B. H. Sawyer. Last March, he transferred his office to that of Judge Potts. Mr. Pettit was prominent as a candidate for prosecutor, receiving a large vote in his home caucus. He was not a candidate for commissioner, but was nominated by acclamation and consented to make the race. Mr. Pettit has been in very active practice, having acted as attorney in nearly one hundred cases, among them the important Elmer Quinby defense and the Wright-Jump case. His practice, education and ability well qualify him for the position of commissioner and assure that the duties of that office will be well attended to.

WARREN J. SHAVER,

Republican Candidate for Circuit Court Commissioner.

Warren J. Shaver is a rising young Ithaca attorney who has been nominated for the important office of circuit court commissioner. Mr. Shaver was born on a farm near Saratoga Springs, New York, in 1870. He attended country school, afterwards Saratoga high school, and afterwards took a two years' course at Poultney, Vermont, the town where Horace Greeley learned to "stick type." He taught one year in Saratoga county and in 1891 came to Gratiot county. Here he taught several terms while pursuing the study of the law. In 1898 he was married to Miss Minnie M. Lane, who was also a teacher. He completed his study of the law in the office of Byron H. Sawyer and was admitted to practice by the supreme court in 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Shaver



spent one year in the state of Washington. Last year he returned and entered upon the practice of the law

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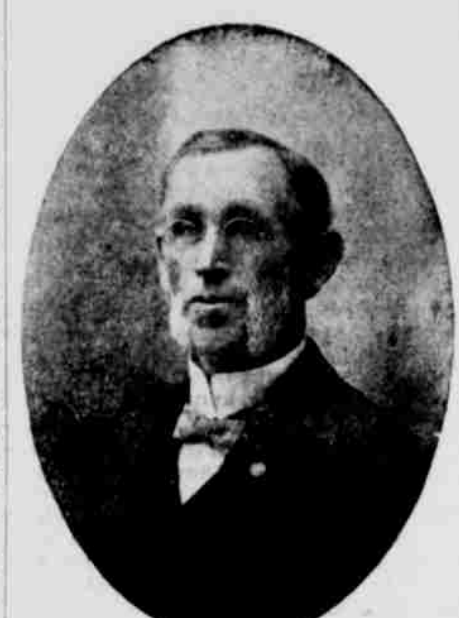
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JOHN W. HOLMES,

Republican Candidate for Member of Legislature.

Two years ago, John W. Holmes, of Alma, was selected by the Republican party as candidate for legislature. At that time the Herald said of him "strong, honest, incorruptible and well balanced, no better man could have been found for representative in the next legislature." Mr. Holmes was elected and his legislative history has justified the expectations of his friends.

Mr. Holmes was born in Livingston county, New York, in 1840 and came to Michigan in 1858. He first located in Hillsdale county. Afterwards he moved to Horton, Jackson county,



from which place he came to Gratiot county. For fourteen years Mr. Holmes was a teacher and a successful one. On coming to Gratiot, he spent three years in the produce business then removed to a farm. Eleven years ago he returned to Alma, where he is interested in the implement business with his son but still retains his farm. He has been president of the village, member of board of education, member of G. A. R. and has held other offices of trust.

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E. W. REDMAN,

Republican Candidate for County Surveyor.

"No nominee could have been found in the county better fitted for the office." That is what the Herald said two years ago and what it desires to repeat with emphasis today. Two years of actual work have more than demonstrated Mr. Redman's qualifications for the important office to which he has been nominated.

He was born in 1863 of English parents, in Ontario, Canada. When three



years old he removed with his parents to Gratiot county. He was graduated from Michigan Agricultural College in the class of 1887. For six years he had charge of a field party near Grand Rapids where he staked out \$1,000,000 worth of work. He surveyed the Holland & Lake Michigan railroad. He was tendered a position with the same company in New York at a large salary but preferred to remain at home. His time is devoted exclusively to drain work. He excels in accuracy and neatness of work.

M. G. BASSETT, M. D.,

Republican Candidate for Coroner.

During the past two years, Dr. M. G. Bassett, of Ashley, has served satisfactorily in the capacity of coroner and he was the unanimous choice of the convention for a second term.

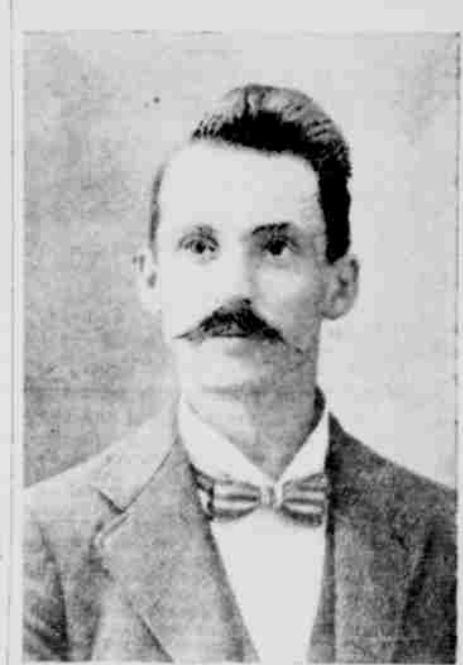
Mr. Bassett is a resident of Ashley. He was born in Washtenaw county in 1868. He was graduated from the Michigan University in 1890, practiced medicine at Ortonville for five years, took a post graduate course at Ann



LESLIE A. HOWE, M. D.,

Republican Candidate for Coroner.

Dr. Howe was nominated and elected coroner four years ago and his services have been so satisfactory that he was renominated for a third term without



opposition. He was born in Hillsdale county in 1868, graduated from Jackson high school in 1886 and Michigan University in 1890. He has since resided in Breckenridge, where he enjoys a good practice. He is Master of the Masonic lodge at Breckenridge.

IN THE PROBATE COURT.

HEIR IS DETERMINED IN MARY GRALE FRANCISCO ESTATE.

On Monday the will of Michael McCann, late of Bethany, was proven, admitted to probate and his son, William, was appointed executor.

Jesse Sherrick was appointed administrator of the estate of Edward Shirley, late of Emerson, on Monday. Albert Shaw, Anson Overmier and E. D. Hoffman were appointed special commissioners on the Wilcox drain in Bethany on Monday.

Gaylord Helms, administrator of the estate of Thomas Perry, late of Hamilton, was given license Tuesday to sell the real estate to pay the debts.

On Tuesday occurred the hearing on the petition for the appointment of an administrator in the estate of Byron L. Bassett, late of St. Louis. Irene Johnson, formerly his widow, was appointed.

On Tuesday, H. L. Francisco was determined the sole heir of his late wife, Mary Grace Francisco.

GRATIOT OHIO PICNIC.

MORE LARGELY ATTENDED THAN EVER BEFORE.

The Gratiot county Ohio picnic held at Drayer's woods August 28, was attended by about 400. Rev. D. H. Snelly told pioneer stories, H. Haring and family, F. Krabill and wife and Edie Beecher furnished music. Remarks were made by E. E. Fell, Squire Phillips, J. L. Beecher and others. F. Krabill was elected president; H. Haring, secretary; Geo. Pressler, treasurer; E. Drayer, A. H. Maurer and Jeff Kinsel and their wives, executive committee.

Marion Chaffin took the pictures.

HER FORTY-SEVENTH

FRIENDS OF MRS. JOSEPH GANTZ HELP HER CELEBRATE.

Mrs. Joseph Gantz, of Newark, was forty-seven years old last Thursday and a company of 150 friends and neighbors took advantage of that fact to surprise her, bring their dinners, indulge in music, visiting and a general good time, sat down to bountifully laden tables, present several tokens of respect and have an "awful good time" generally as they always do at Mrs. Gantz's.

Ithaca Schools Begin.

Ithaca schools began last Monday with an attendance of 434. There were 79 in the high school. The foreign attendance is between 25 and 30. All teachers are at their desks and everything is favorable for a good year's work.